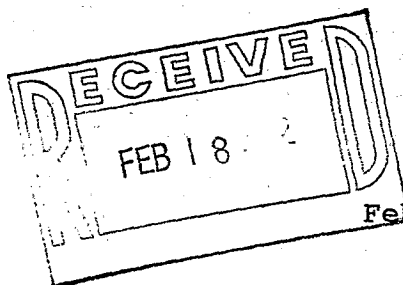


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Dear Mr. McAllister:

Cleveland, OH

On June 14th through 17th, the New York Academy of Sciences will sponsor a conference on "Ion Motive ATPases: Structure, Function and Regulation." The conference, organized by Dr. Antonio Scarpa, Case Western Reserve University, Dr. Ernesto Carafoli - Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Sergio Papa - Bari, Italy.

We are writing you at this time to ask you to consider supporting this vital scientific conference. As a result of the severe federal decreases in support for scientific meetings, the Academy looks to the private sector for support which will allow outstanding scientists to continue this important exchange of information leading ultimately to future research and important discoveries.

During the last ten years an immense progress in this field has occurred: several ATPases have been cloned; isozymes have been found; hormonal regulation appear to exist; several structural insights have been provided by x-ray diffraction, low angle diffraction and site directed mutagenesis; new transport ATPases such as the one for Mg^{2+} transport have been described and characterized. The multidisciplinary nature is a crucial aspect of this conference since many investigators are now focussing their interest and knowledge in a single type of ATPase, being isolated by the finding of similarities and differences found in other ATPases. Moreover, a large number of different techniques and approaches, some of which are not familiar to workers in other disciplines, are being used to probe structural and functional aspects of ion-moving ATPase. Hence, the time appears propitious for such an interdisciplinary conference and for the publication of the four day presentations and discussions in a single well-distributed volume.

The New York Academy of Sciences is one of the country's foremost scientific organizations, and presents between 15 and 20 conferences yearly. Proceedings of the conference are published as volumes of the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* which are widely distributed internationally to over 700 institutional libraries. The *Annals* are also offered to the Academy's 42,000 members. The volume resulting from this conference will serve as a compendium of the present state of knowledge of the field as well as a stimulus for further research.

The Academy has set three levels of funding and we ask you to consider supporting the project budget of over \$80,000: Major Funding (\$15,000 and over), Supporter (\$5,000-\$14,999), and Contributor (under \$5,000). All contributions are tax exempt and will be acknowledged in the conference program and resulting volumes of the *Annals*. Supporters also receive complimentary registrations, and depending on their level of contribution, a copy of *Annals* in which the conference proceedings are published.

I have enclosed a detailed description of the conference program to demonstrate the excellence of the science that will be presented. I urge you to join other leaders in the field in supporting this vital discussion of the issues with a generous contribution.

If we can provide further information, please do not hesitate to call me. We very much appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Antonio Scarpa
Professor & Chairman

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